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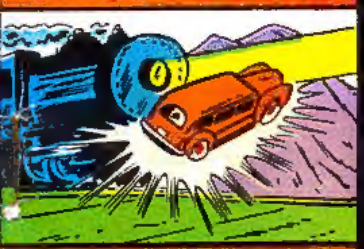

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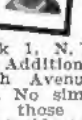

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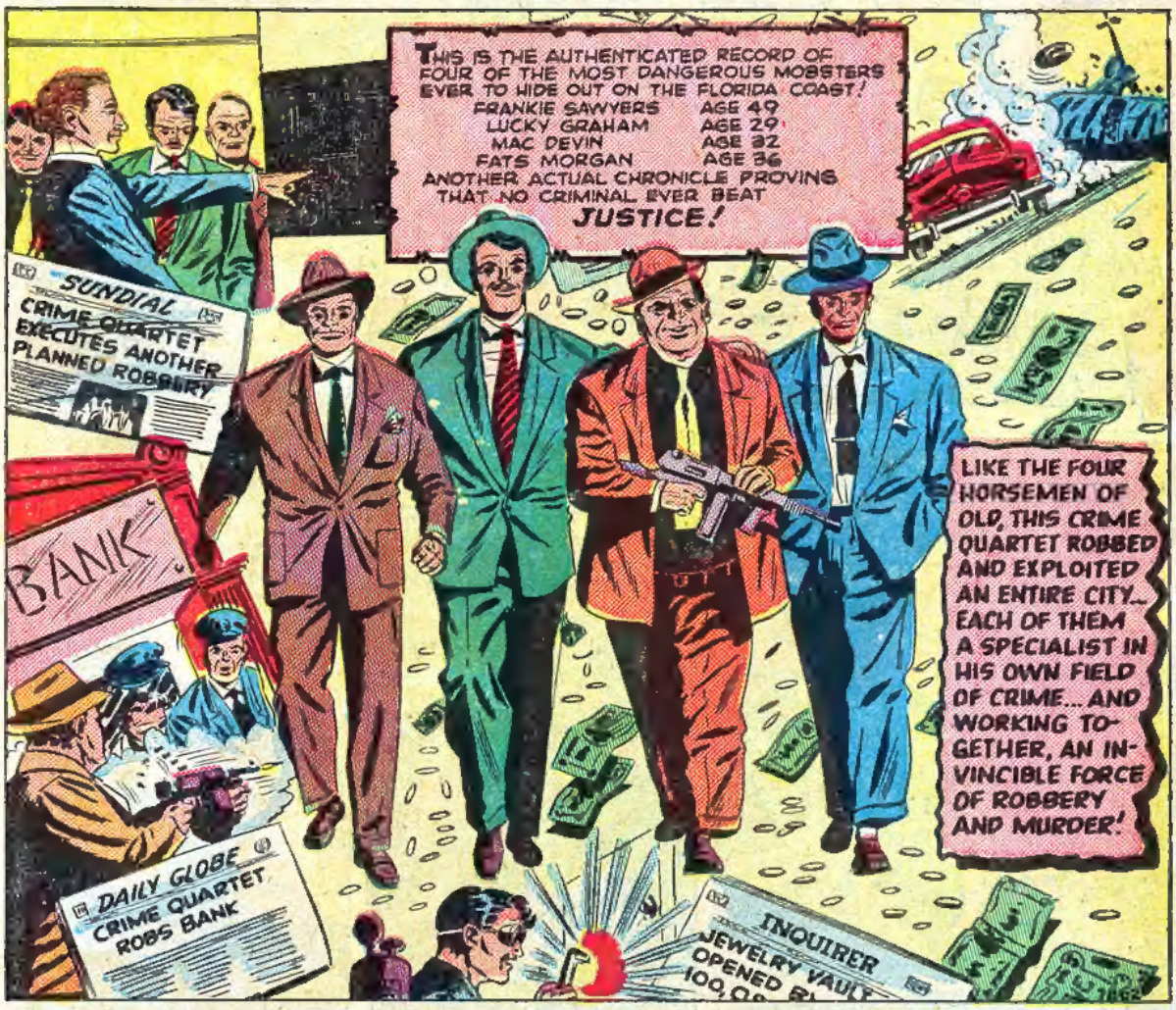
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LUCKY GRAHAM AGE 29
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THEN ONE DAY IN OCTOBER 1949, THE CRIME QUARTET MET IN THEIR LUSH NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS ON PARK AVENUE, AND DECIDED TO COOL OFF FOR A FEW MONTHS IN FLORIDA...
I'D LIKE TO SEE THE COMMISSIONER SWEATING IT OUT WAITING FOR US TO MAKE OUR NEXT STEP!
TAKING THIS TRIP WAS SMART! BY THE TIME WE GET BACK THE HEAT'LL HAVE DIED DOWN! HOW MANY CARDS, FATS?

YOU GOT ANY OBJECTIONS TO OUR PICKING UP A LITTLE SPARE CASH WHILE WE'RE IN MIAMI, FRANKIE?
COOL YOUR HEELS, LUCKY! WE'RE GOING TO STAY CLEAN IN FLORIDA! WE CAME DOWN HERE TO GET A REST FROM COPS!

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THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE QUARTET REGISTERED AT THE PLUSH HORTON MANOR IN MIAMI...
SAY, SHE ISN'T BAD.. MAYBE THIS VACATION ISN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL!
I TOLD YOU YOU'D FIND A WAY TO OCCUPY YOUR TIME!
I HOPE THE FOOD HERE IS GOOD!
WELL, LOOK AT ROMEO... GONNA GIVE THE DOLLS A BREAK, LUCKY?
WHY NOT? I'VE GOT NOTHING BETTER TO DO!
NOW THERE'S A GIRL I COULD SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH...
I'LL TAKE THIS RACE SHEET!
BIG BOY LOOKS GOOD IN THE SECOND, SIR!
YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET, BABY, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE SEEING A LOT OF ME..
THERE'S A FIN IN IT FOR YOU IF YOU CAN TELL ME WHO SHE IS!
THAT'S JANET CHAPMAN, MISTER! HER OLD MAN JUST DIED AND LEFT HER A COUPLA MILLION BUCKS!
THANKS, KID-- THANKS A LOT!
BUT JANET CHAPMAN DIDN'T RETURN TO THE HOTEL THAT DAY, AND LUCKY GRAHAM FOUND TIME HANGING HEAVY ON HIS HANDS! FINALLY, HE JOINED THE OTHERS AT THE DOG TRACK...
SO YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO SHOW UP, DID YOU? WHAT'VE YOU BEEN DOIN' ALL DAY?
LAY OFF, WILL YOU? THIS ISN'T CHI, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP TABS ON EACH OTHER!
DON'T GET EXCITED! I JUST THINK IT'LL BE A GOOD IDEA IF WE STICK KINDA CLOSE, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER--AND YOU CAN'T TELL WHEN SOME SMART COP FROM CHI MIGHT BE NOSING AROUND HERE!
FORGET IT, WILL YOU? I THOUGHT WE CAME DOWN HERE FOR SOME LAUGHS!

BUT A LITTLE LATER, LUCKY GRAHAM FELT THE RESTLESSNESS OVERCOMING HIM AGAIN! HE BEGAN WANDERING AIMLESSLY THROUGH THE CROWD...
WELL, WELL--IF IT ISN'T MISS JANET CHAPMAN--AND ALONE, TOO!
ALLOW ME! I LOVE DOING SMALL FAVORS FOR BEAUTIFUL YOUNG DAMSELS!
WHAT...OH THANK YOU!
I'M LUCKY GRAHAM, MISS CHAPMAN. I LIVE AT THE HORTON MANOR, TOO! LOOK, WHAT DOES A STRANGER DO FOR AMUSEMENT AROUND HERE?
WHY THAT'S SIMPLE--HE JUST ASKS A NATIVE MIAMIAN TO SHOW HIM THE TOWN!
BACK AT THE HOTEL, LUCKY GRAHAM HAD TO PUT UP WITH THE AMUSED AND SARCASTIC COMMENTS OF THE OTHERS...
WELL, LOVER BOY, YA CAME BACK TO US!
STICK TO YOUR CARS, MAC, AND LET ME HANDLE MY OWN AFFAIRS!
CAN SHE COOK, LUCKY?
FOR THE NEXT MONTH, LUCKY SAW JANET CHAPMAN EVERY NIGHT...
YOU'RE BECOMING QUITE A HABIT WITH ME, LUCKY--A HABIT I LIKE!
I LIKE TO HEAR YOU TALK THAT WAY, BABY! YOU JUST GO ON FEELING LIKE THAT!
LOOK, LUCKY--I'M GOING TO BE BLUNT--I KNOW YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING BACK TO CHICAGO SOON--BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO--I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE--AND MARRY ME!
WHOA, BABY--YOU'RE SWEEPING ME OFF MY FEET!
MARRY HER? THE IDEA KEPT CHURNING AROUND IN HIS MIND...
WHY NOT? SHE'S NOT A BAD KID, AND I'D HAVE IT REALLY SOFT HERE! AND THERE'D BE NO MORE COPS TO WORRY ABOUT! NO MORE HIDING OUT UNTIL THE HEAT'S OFF!
IF THAT MARRIAGE PROPOSITION IS STILL OPEN, JANET, I'LL TAKE IT!
OH, LUCKY! YOU WON'T BE SORRY, DARLING!

AFTER HE LEFT JANET, LUCKY SAT IN A BAR AND PONDERED HOW HE WOULD TELL THE OTHERS...
WHAT DO I CARE WHAT THEY SAY? THEY'D DO THE SAME THING IF THEY HAD THE CHANCE!
HI, LUCKY...WE WUZ JUST TALKIN' ABOUT YOU!
YEAH, LOVER BOY! WHY DON'T YOU BRING THE GIRL WITH YOU SOME-TIME? YOU AIN'T ASHAMED OF US, ARE YOU?
OKAY, KNOCK IT OFF, YOU GUYS!
I CAME TO GIVE YOU GUYS A CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE ME! I'M GETTING MARRIED AND THEN I'M RETIRING TO A LIFE OF LUXURY!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
IS HE TIGHT?
JUST IN CASE YOU'RE FORGETTING, PAL...NO ONE RETIRES FROM THIS GANG! WE'RE ALL IN IT FOR KEEPS, SEE!
YOU SHOULDN'T OUGHTA LET SOME DAME PUT CRAZY IDEAS LIKE THAT IN YOUR HEAD, LUCKY! YOU KNOW DAMES IS POISON TO GUYS IN OUR RACKET!
LISTEN, YOU FOOL--THIS GANG IS SOMETHING PLANNED FOR YEARS, WE'RE A PERFECT WORKING UNIT! TOGETHER WE CAN'T LOSE, BUT IF YOU QUIT, YOU RUIN THE WHOLE SETUP, AND I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU DO IT! I SPENT TOO LONG BUILDING THIS GANG UP!
YEAH, LUCKY! WE NEED YOU!
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T SEE IT..
MAYBE THIS'LL HELP CONVINCE YOU!
NOW GO TELL YOUR LITTLE LADY FRIEND YOU'RE SORRY, BUT YOU'VE GOT A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT!
YEAH, LUCKY, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY YOU CAN QUIT THE MOB!
THEY MEAN IT! THEY'LL KILL ME IF I TRY TO LEAVE THEM! I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING AND FAST, TOO!
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IT WOULD NOT BE EASY, BUT FINALLY LUCKY FORMULATED A PLAN! LATE THAT NIGHT, HE KNOCKED AT THE DOOR OF FAT'S ROOM...
HI, FATS! LET ME IN! I BROUGHT YOU SOME CANDY!
SURE, C'MON IN, LUCKY! NO HARD FEELIN'S ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON!
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YOU KNOW I WAS NEVER A GUY TO CARRY A GRUDGE... YOU GUYS WERE RIGHT--I WAS ACTING A LITTLE CRAZY-- HOW'S THE CANDY?
IT'S SWELL, LUCKY! I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO SEE IT OUR WAY!

THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, LUCKY... EVERY MUG HAS HIS JOB IN LIFE CUT OUT FOR HIM... ME... I'M JUST A NATURALLY BORN GUN SLINGER!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FATS! YOU GOT A TALENT WITH GUNS!

SURE YOU WON'T HAVE SOME CANDY? SAY, THIS CANDY TASTES KIND OF FUNNY!
DON'T BE SILLY. YOU'RE JUST NOT USED TO EXPENSIVE CANDY, THAT'S ALL!

GRAHAM'S EYES WERE NARROWED SLITS AS HE WATCHED THE HUGE MAN STRUGGLE TO HIS FEET, PAIN CONTORTING HIS FACE...
WHAT'D YOU DO TO THAT CANDY? I... I FEEL... SICK...

YOU DIRTY RAT... YOU POISONED ME! I'LL GET YOU... YOU... ARRRGGHHH...
IT WAS CYANIDE, FATS.. BUT WHAT WOULD A GUNMAN KNOW ABOUT POISONS?

HE BENT OVER THE FIGURE OF THE FAT MAN, LYING STILL ON THE FLOOR WHERE HE HAD FALLEN... THE POISON HAD DONE ITS WORK!
NO HARD FEELINGS, FATS! THERE WAS NOTHING PERSONAL IN IT! THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO GET THEIRS, TOO!
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LUCKY GRAHAM WASTED NO TIME! THE NEXT MORNING, EARLY, HE PURCHASED A SMALL FOREIGN CAR! HE WAITED OUTSIDE THE HOTEL UNTIL MAC DEVIN APPEARED...
HEY, MAC... HOP IN AND I'LL TAKE YOU FOR A RIDE!
SA---AY... THAT'S SOME CAR... A BEAUTY! YOUR GIRL FRIEND GIVE IT TO YOU?
NO, I BOUGHT IT MYSELF! YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE INTERESTED IN FAST CARS, DID YOU?
FUNNY YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT BEFORE! HEY--FRANKIE'S STILL PRETTY SORE ABOUT YESTERDAY!
MOVERS
OH, HE'LL COOL OFF! LIKE HE SAYS, HE NEEDS ME, I WAS JUST BLOWING MY TOP, ANYWAY! I DIDN'T KNOW HE'D TAKE ME SO SERIOUSLY!
YOU'D BETTER TELL HIM THEN! HE'S EXPECTING YOU TO PULL SOMETHING FUNNY! HEY, WHERE ARE WE GOING, ANYWAY?
JUST DRIVING... HEY... LISTEN... SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE MOTOR! TAKE A LOOK AT IT, WILL YOU? THE TOOLS ARE IN THE TRUNK!
OKAY, BUT I THOUGHT YOU KNEW ALL ABOUT CARS, TOO!
GRAHAM WATCHED AS THE GUNMAN STEPPED BEHIND THE CAR AT THE EDGE OF A STEEP PRECIPICE! IT HAD BEEN SO SIMPLE, SO ABSURDLY SIMPLE!
HEY--THE TRUNK'S LOCKED... GIVE ME THE KEYS, WILL YOU?
SURE THING!
I'LL GIVE YOU A LOT MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR!
GUNNING THE MOTOR QUICKLY, BEFORE DEVIN HAD A CHANCE TO BECOME SUSPICIOUS, GRAHAM SHIFTED THE CAR INTO REVERSE...
HEY, WHAT? HELP... ARGGHH!
ZOOM
GRAHAM LOOKED OVER THE CLIFF TO WHERE DEVIN'S BROKEN BODY LAY FAR BELOW ON THE ROCKS! HE SMILED TO HIMSELF..
THAT'S TWO DOWN! ONE MORE TO GO!
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GRAHAM HEADED BACK TO THE CITY, PLANNING HIS NEXT MOVE! FRANKIE SAWYERS WOULD BE NO PUSH-OVER! THE BOSS OF THE CRIME QUARTET WOULD NOT BE EASILY TRICKED! FOR HIM, GRAHAM RESERVED THE BLUNT, DIRECT APPROACH..
FRANKIE IS THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD THAT STANDS BETWEEN ME AND A COUPLA MILLION BUCKS!
AN HOUR LATER HE ENTERED SAWYER'S SUITE...
C'MON IN, LUCKY, I WAS JUST THINKIN' ABOUT YOU! I THINK YOU AND I SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE TALK!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WAS THINKING! HOW ABOUT POURING ME A DRINK FIRST?
SURE, LUCKY BOY! WHAT D'YA THINK ABOUT GOING BACK TO CHI? ALL OF US ARE A LITTLE RESTLESS! AND I'M WILLING TO FORGET ABOUT LAST NIGHT!
I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY, FRANKIE!
BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO CHI... AND I DON'T THINK YOU OR ANY OF THE BOYS WILL EITHER! I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THEM, FRANKIE!
A GUN! WHY YOU DIRTY... ARRGH!
BAM!
BLAM!
HEY... WHAT'S THIS... A PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO ME! WHAT IS IT?
AH... IT'S A WEDDING PRESENT.. FOR YOU... AND YOUR GIRL... IT'S AN OLD JEWEL BOX... A DAME WITH ALL HER DOUGH.. MUST HAVE PLENTY OF.. JEWELS TO PUT.. IN... IT.. WE GOT IT... JUST IN CASE YOU WOULDN'T COME BACK WITH US... TO SHOW THERE WASN'T ANY HARD FEELIN'S!
GO ON... OPEN IT... THERE'S SOMETHIN' IN IT FOR YOU... TOO! I WANNA SEE... IF YOU LIKE IT...
DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS NOW, FRANKIE! I'M KEEPING MY EYE ON YOU!
THIS WAS REAL SWEET OF YOU BOYS TO DO THIS.. I APPREC... ARRGH!
SEE... LUCKY... IT'S JUST LIKE.. I SAID! NOBODY... LEAVES THE... GANG... NOW.. WE'RE ALL TOGETHER.. JUST LIKE.. BEFORE... AHHH!
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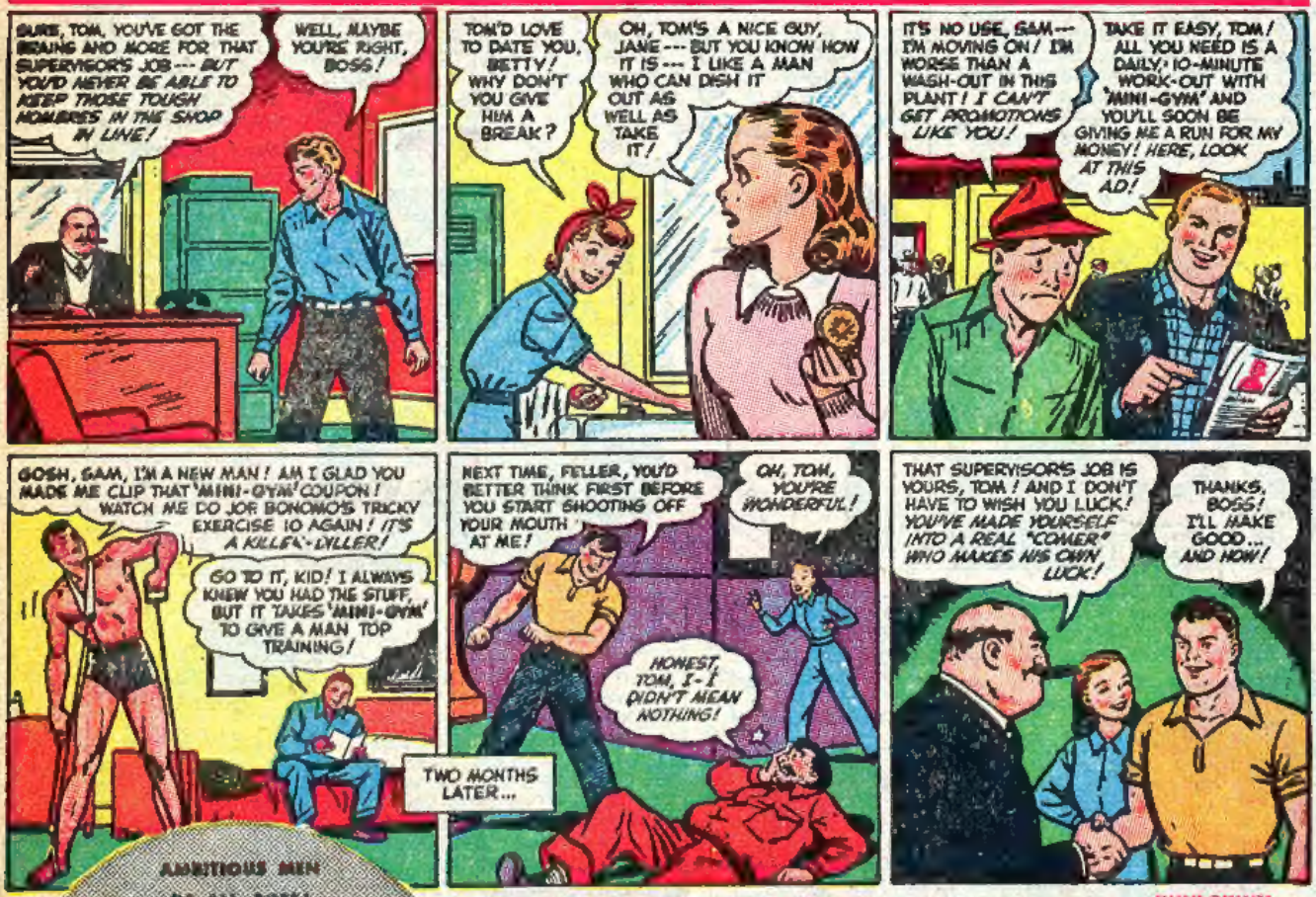
SURE, TOM, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS AND MORE FOR THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB --- BUT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE TOUGH HOMBRES IN THE SHOP IN LINE!
WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!
TOM'D LOVE TO DATE YOU, BETTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A BREAK?
OH, TOM'S A NICE GUY, JANE --- BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS --- I LIKE A MAN WHO CAN DISH IT OUT AS WELL AS TAKE IT!
IT'S NO USE, SAM --- I'M MOVING ON! I'M WORSE THAN A WASH-OUT IN THIS PLANT! I CAN'T GET PROMOTIONS LIKE YOU!
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NEXT TIME, FELLER, YOU'D BETTER THINK FIRST BEFORE YOU START SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH AT ME!
OH, TOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
HONEST, TOM, I-I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!
TWO MONTHS LATER...
THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB IS YOURS, TOM! AND I DON'T HAVE TO WISH YOU LUCK! YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF INTO A REAL "COMER" WHO MAKES HIS OWN LUCK!
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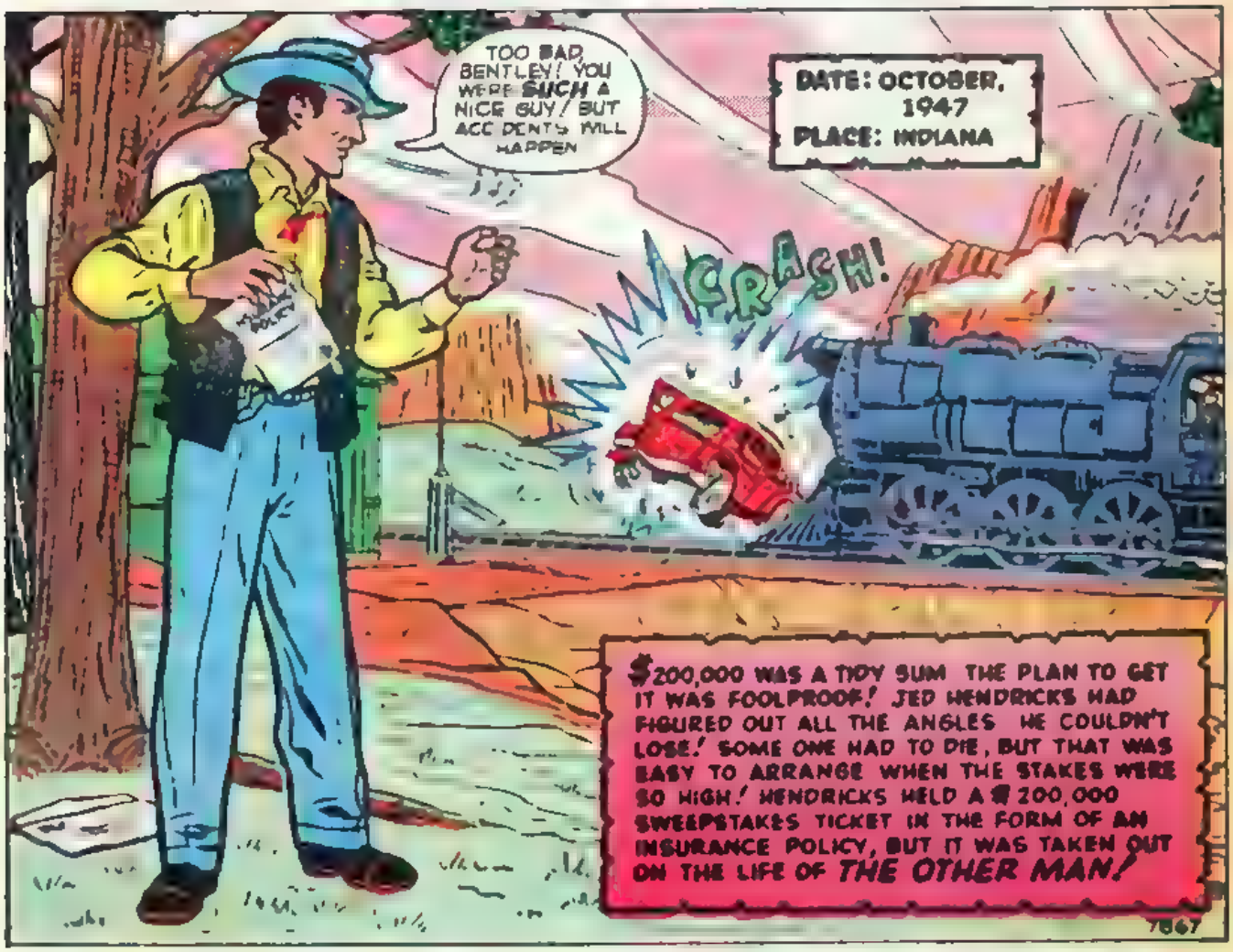
TOO BAD, BENTLEY! YOU WERE SUCH A NICE GUY / BUT ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN
DATE: OCTOBER, 1947
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CRASH!
$200,000 WAS A TIDY SUM THE PLAN TO GET IT WAS FOOLPROOF! JED HENDRICKS HAD FIGURED OUT ALL THE ANGLES HE COULDN'T LOSE! SOME ONE HAD TO DIE, BUT THAT WAS EASY TO ARRANGE WHEN THE STAKES WERE SO HIGH! HENDRICKS HELD A $200,000 SWEEPSTAKES TICKET IN THE FORM OF AN INSURANCE POLICY, BUT IT WAS TAKEN OUT ON THE LIFE OF THE OTHER MAN!
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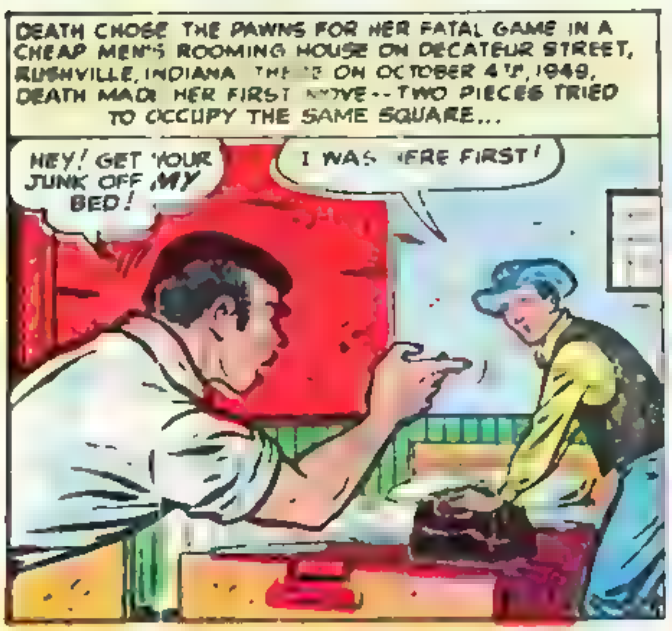
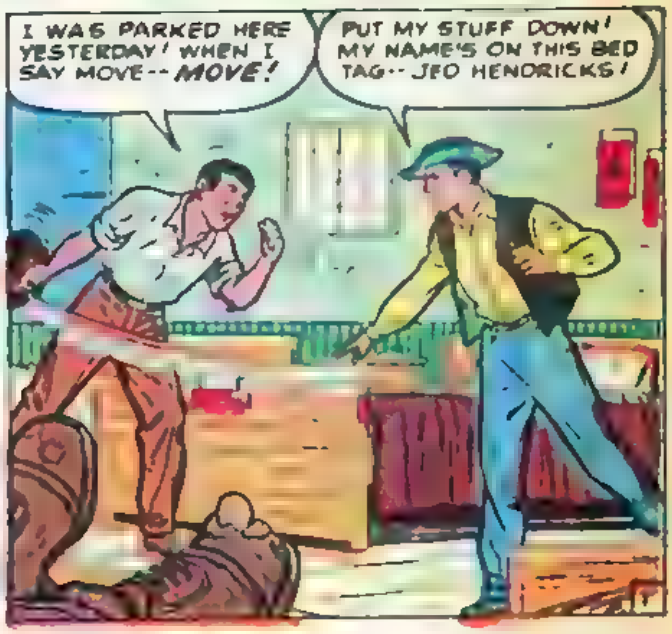
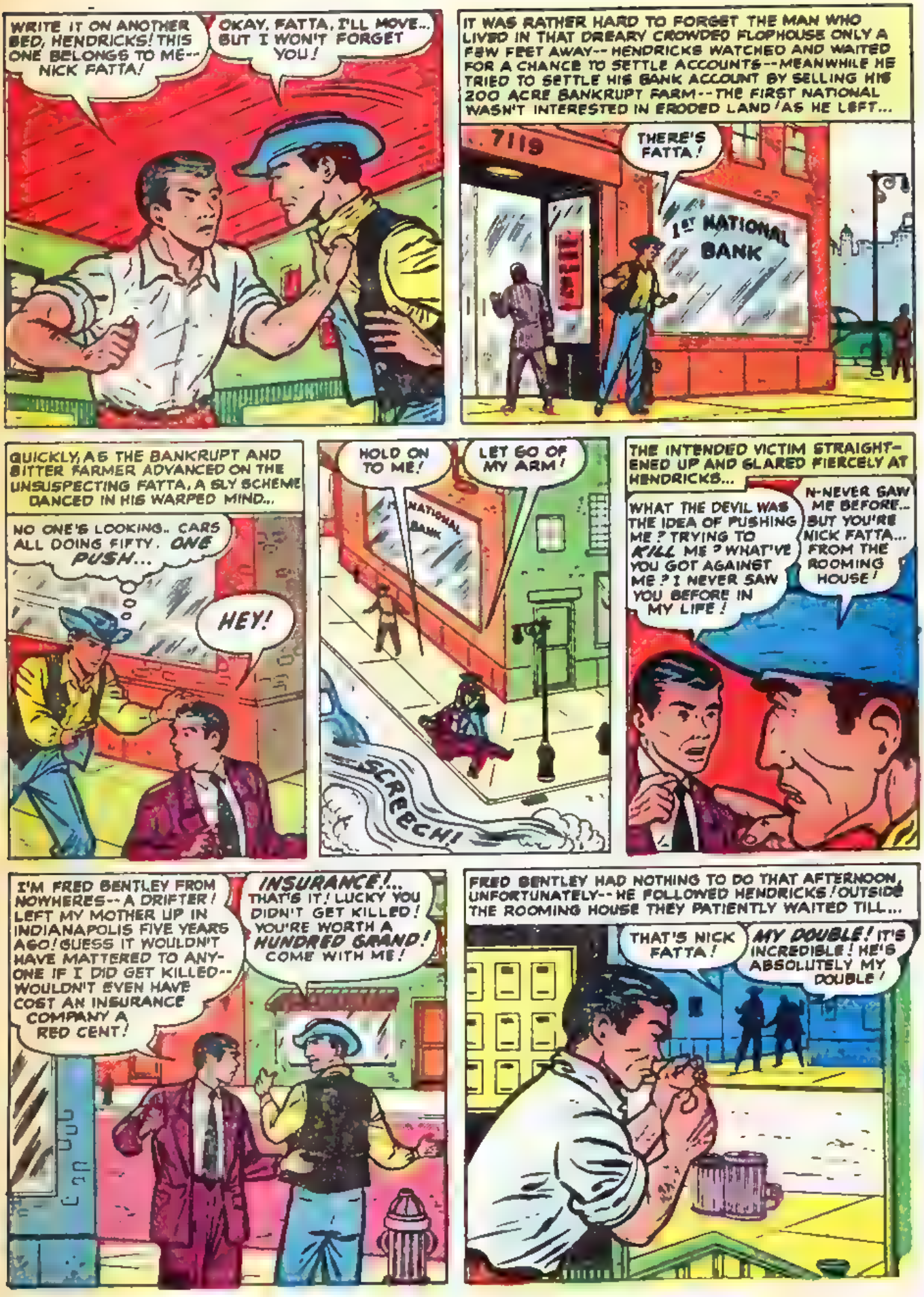

DEATH CHOSE THE PAWNS FOR HER FATAL GAME IN A CHEAP MEN'S ROOMING HOUSE ON DECATEUR STREET, RUSHVILLE, INDIANA THERE ON OCTOBER 4TH, 1949, DEATH MADE HER FIRST MOVE--TWO PIECES TRIED TO OCCUPY THE SAME SQUARE...
HEY! GET YOUR JUNK OFF MY BED!
I WAS HERE FIRST!




WRITE IT ON ANOTHER BED, HENDRICKS! THIS ONE BELONGS TO ME-- NICK FATTA!
OKAY, FATTA, I'LL MOVE.. BUT I WON'T FORGET YOU!
IT WAS RATHER HARD TO FORGET THE MAN WHO LIVED IN THAT DREARY CROWDED FLOPHOUSE ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY-- HENDRICKS WATCHED AND WAITED FOR A CHANCE TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS--MEANWHILE HE TRIED TO SETTLE HIS BANK ACCOUNT BY SELLING HIS 200 ACRE BANKRUPT FARM--THE FIRST NATIONAL WASN'T INTERESTED IN ERODED LAND AS HE LEFT...
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THERE'S FATTA!
1ST NATIONAL BANK
QUICKLY, AS THE BANKRUPT AND BITTER FARMER ADVANCED ON THE UNSUSPECTING FATTA, A SLY SCHEME DANCED IN HIS WARPED MIND...
NO ONE'S LOOKING.. CARS ALL DOING FIFTY. ONE PUSH...
HEY!
HOLD ON TO ME!
LET GO OF MY ARM!
NATIONAL BANK
SCREECH!
THE INTENDED VICTIM STRAIGHTENED UP AND GLARED FIERCELY AT HENDRICKS...
WHAT THE DEVIL WAS THE IDEA OF PUSHING ME? TRYING TO K'ILL ME? WHAT'VE YOU GOT AGAINST ME? I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
N-NEVER SAW ME BEFORE.. BUT YOU'RE NICK FATTA... FROM THE ROOMING HOUSE!
I'M FRED BENTLEY FROM NOWHERES--A DRIFTER! LEFT MY MOTHER UP IN INDIANAPOLIS FIVE YEARS AGO! GUESS IT WOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED TO ANYONE IF I DID GET KILLED-- WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE COST AN INSURANCE COMPANY A RED CENT!
INSURANCE!... THAT'S IT! LUCKY YOU DIDN'T GET KILLED! YOU'RE WORTH A HUNDRED GRAND! COME WITH ME!
Can Co.
FRED BENTLEY HAD NOTHING TO DO THAT AFTERNOON, UNFORTUNATELY--HE FOLLOWED HENDRICKS! OUTSIDE THE ROOMING HOUSE THEY PATIENTLY WAITED TILL...
THAT'S NICK FATTA!
MY DOUBLE! IT'S INCREDIBLE! HE'S ABSOLUTELY MY DOUBLE!

DON'T GET SENTIMENTAL OVER HIM--HE'S GOING TO DIE SOON! BUT HIS DEATH WILL BE WORTH $200,000 TO US!
HIS DEATH? I DON'T GET IT!
LOOK, WE GET A $100,000 FIVE YEAR TERM LIFE INSURANCE ON YOU, WITH DOUBLE INDEMNITY, NAMING YOUR MOTHER AS BENEFICIARY! THEN I SELL YOU MY 200 ACRE FARM FOR $200,000! AS SECURITY YOU PUT UP YOUR INSURANCE! WE KILL FATTA IN A FAKED ACCIDENT, PLANT YOUR PAPERS ON HIM--MOTHER GETS $200 GRAND!
AND THEN YOU SHOW UP WITH THE BILL OF SALE AND COLLECT IT! NO! I DON'T LIKE IT!
WHAT'S WRONG! YOU GOT A BETTER WAY OF MAKING A HUNDRED GRAND FOR YOURSELF?
NO, BUT KILLING...
WHO'S NICK FATTA TO YOU? NOBODY! HE MEANT NOTHING TO YOU TILL I SHOWED YOU HOW WE COULD USE HIM! WHO'D MISS HIM--THE BARTENDER AT KELLY'S? DON'T BE CRAZY! NICK'S HUMAN--HE'S GOTTA DIE SOME TIME, LET'S MAKE IT NOW AND CASH IN ON IT!
OKAY! I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF HUNDRED AND AN OLD CAR TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHEME!
STEP NUMBER ONE WAS SIMPLE! ALL FRED BENTLEY HAD TO DO WAS LET THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE DOCTOR LOOK DOWN HIS THROAT, FEEL HIS PULSE AND TAP AT HIS KNEECAP...
YOU'RE LOOKING AT A MAN WHO BELIEVES IN TAKING CARE OF HIS MOTHER! I JUST PAID $300--MY FIRST QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT ON A FIVE YEAR $100,000 LIFE POLICY, WITH DOUBLE INDEMNITY FOR ACCIDENTS!
COME ON, FRED, AND LET'S BE CAREFUL NO FATAL ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO YOU!
CONTINENTAL INSURANCE
STEP NUMBER TWO WAS PLEASANT! IT WAS TAKEN CARE OF QUICKLY IN THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN HARDING ON STATE STREET!
HERE IS THE TITLE DEED! MR. FRED BENTLEY NOW OWNS THE HENDRICKS' 200 ACRE FARM AND PROMISES TO PAY THE FIRST INSTALLMENT ON THE $200,000 SALES PRICE WITHIN THREE MONTHS! TILL THEN HIS LIFE INSURANCE POLICY STANDS AS SECURITY!
I'VE GOT GREAT FAITH IN FRED'S ABILITY TO PAY ME OFF QUICKLY!
STEP NUMBER THREE WAS FATAL...
TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT FOR FATTA'S DOUBLE INDEMNITY ACCIDENT! WHAT'S MY JOB?
PARK UP THERE BY KELLY'S BAR! FATTA ALWAYS GOES IN THERE ABOUT NOW! WHEN I COME OUT I'LL BE CARRYING HIM OUT TO THE CAR UNCONSCIOUS--THE BARTENDER WILL SEE TO THAT!
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JED HENDRICKS' PREDICTION WAS RIGHT! THE BARTENDER AT KELLY'S WAS A MAN OF SIMPLE MATHEMATICS! NICK FATTA, IF HE LEFT A TIP, WOULD CLINK DOWN A QUARTER FOR HIS DRINKS! JED HENDRICKS WAS WILLING TO TIP HIM A FIVE SPOT FOR KNOCK-OUT DROPS...

POOR NICK! LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY HUNG ONE ON TONIGHT! I'LL TAKE HIM HOME!

LUCKY FOR HIM YOU CAME ALONG, MISTER! IN ANOTHER SECOND HE'D HAVE FALLEN FLAT ON HIS FACE!

AS HENDRICKS STEPPED OUT ON THE FRONT STREET, THE INTENDED VICTIM ALREADY LOOKED LIKE A CORPSE! BUT AS HE STARTED DRAGGING FATTA TO THE "FUNERAL" COACH...

WELL, FAITH, IF IT ISN'T NICK FATTA-- STONE DRUNK! HE LIVES AT THE ROOMING HOUSE OVER ON DECATEUR STREET! LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND!

OH, NO, I CAN CARRY HIM MYSELF, OFFICER! I CAN HANDLE HIM OKAY--WHY HE WON'T EVEN WAKE UP!

BUT THE OFFICER WAS GOING THAT WAY...

SEE, IT WAS NO TROUBLE AT ALL FOR ME TO HELP YOU! NOW NICK'S IN BED! HE LOOKS **SAFE** FOR THE NIGHT!

I GUESS HE IS!

SOON AFTER, THE TWO CONSPIRATORS MET ANGRILY...

SO YOU COULDN'T DELIVER THE BODY, HENDRICKS! YOU COULD HAVE SHAKEN THE COP EASY! DID YOU GET COLD FEET?

SHUT UP! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING--THINGS JUST WENT WRONG TONIGHT! BUT WE WON'T FAIL TOMORROW!

BRUTAL LAUGHTER ECHOED DOWN THE STREETS OF RUSHVILLE THAT NIGHT, AS JED HENDRICKS MADE A DIABOLICAL PURCHASE AT THE TICKET WINDOW OF THE B. AND O.! THE NEXT EVENING, SEPTEMBER 4 TH, FOUND THE TWO PARTNERS HUNTING IN AN AUTOMOBILE!

YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHERE FATTA WENT FOR A WALK? AFTER THE WAY YOU FAILED LAST NIGHT, I'M NOT TOO CONFIDENT IN...

THERE HE IS! NO ONE'S AROUND. GET TO WORK!

HENDRICKS HALTED THE CAR ON PLACE STREET AND BENTLEY RUSHED FROM IT! HE RACED DOWN THE EMPTY STREET AND SPRANG UPON HIS UNSUSPECTING DOUBLE...

BENTLEY'S JUMPED HIM! NOW TO FINISH OFF THE **NEW** PLAN AND COLLECT **ALL** THE INSURANCE MONEY FOR MYSELF!

AS THE TWO MEN STRUGGLED, HENDRICKS RAN UP TO PULL THE DOUBLE CROSS! WITH CRUSHING FORCE HE BROUGHT DOWN HIS BLACKJACK ON **BENTLEY'S** SKULL!

THANKS... **YOU!** HOW COME YOU'RE HELPING ME?

BECAUSE THOSE WHO HELP OTHERS, HELP THEMSELVES! NOW GIVE ME A HAND AND HELP ME DUMP MY NUTTY FRIEND INTO THE CAR!

I STILL DON'T GET IT!
YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN IT IF I HADN'T SAVED YOU, FATTA! JUST THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS THAT I'M GREEDY-- IT SAVED YOUR LIFE!
WITH BENTLEY LYING LIMP IN THE SEAT BESIDE HIM, HENDRICKS SPED DOWN U.S. HIGHWAY 52 TOWARDS THE SMALL TOWN OF GLENWOOD...
WHY LET BENTLEY GET RICH FROM MY BRAINWORK? JUST BECAUSE HE PUT UP THE THREE HUNDRED SMACKS FOR THE POLICY IS NO REASON FOR ME TO LOSE A HUNDRED GRAND! THIS WAY THE RIGHT MAN DIES-- IF I BEAT THE 10:14 FROM CONNORSVILLE! THERE GOES THE GATE--THE TRAIN'S COMING!
AS THE RAILROAD GATE TWO MILES WEST OF GLENWOOD CAME DOWN THE FORD PLOUGHED THROUGH...
NOW TO LEAVE IT! THIS LITTLE DOUBLE INDEMNITY ACCIDENT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE RIGHT GUY! AND NO SUSPICION CAN FALL ON ME BECAUSE HIS MOTHER IS NAMED BENEFICIARY!
FROM THE BUSHES ACROSS THE TRACKS HENDRICKS WATCHED MURDEROUSLY, AS THE RACING TRAIN'S LIGHTS SWUNG AROUND THE CURVE! THE WHITE LIGHT GLISTENED ON THE PARKED CAR... THE ANGRY WHISTLE BLEW--AGAIN AND AGAIN...TOO LATE!
CRASH
THE LETHAL TRAIN JERKED TO A HALT, AS THE SICKENING CRUNCH OF METAL TOLD ITS DEADLY STORY! THE CONDUCTOR AND CREW LEAPED OUT TO EXAMINE THE WRECK! CURIOUS EYES PEERED OUT OF THE WINDOWS ON THE RIGHT SIDE!
IN FROM THE LEFT SIDE--UNSEEN! NOW TO SIT DOWN AND TAKE A QUIET TRAIN RIDE THAT LEADS TO A POT OF GOLD--WORTH $ 200,000!
THE WRECK EXAMINED, THE DRIVER PRONOUNCED DEAD, THE 10:14 LURCHED FORWARD, BEARING THE CONFIDENT KILLER...
HERE'S MY TICKET!
HOW COME I MISSED PUNCHING IT AFTER YOU GOT ON AT GLENWOOD? GOT EVERYONE ELSE... HEY! THIS TICKET SAYS CONNORSVILLE! WHY I PUNCHED ALL THOSE TICKETS EVEN BEFORE WE GOT INTO GLENWOOD!
YOU MUST'VE MISSED MINE! I WAS WALKING UP AND DOWN THE TRAIN MOST OF THE TIME!
CAN'T SEE HOW I COULD'VE MISSED YOU--THERE'S TEN MILES BETWEEN CONNORSVILLE AND GLENWOOD AND I ALWAYS KEEP CHECKING TICKETS! FAR AS I'M CONCERNED YOU GOT ON AT GLENWOOD!
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LOOK, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED TAKE THE WHOLE TICKET AND PUNCH IT!
COULDN'T DO THAT! COMPANY SAYS, IF A PASSENGER DOESN'T USE PART OF HIS TICKET HE'S ENTITLED TO A REFUND! I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET IT! NOW WHAT'S YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS?
TO GET RID OF THE PESTERING B AND O. CONDUCTOR, HENDRICKS GAVE HIM HIS NAME AND ADDRESS! THE FOLLOWING MORNING HE RECEIVED A CALL AT HIS FARM 15 MILES SOUTH OF RUSHVILLE! THE POLICE HAD FOUND A BILL OF SALE FOR HIS FARM ON AN "ACCIDENT" VICTIM AND WANTED HIM TO IDENTIFY THE BODY!
THAT'S FRED BENTLEY ALL RIGHT, POOR FELLOW! I JUST SOLD HIM MY FARM--HE HAD SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR!
I THINK HE'S GOT A MOTHER LIVING UP IN INDIANAPOLIS! WE'LL SEND FOR HER NOW! HOPE YOU DIDN'T MIND COMING INTO TOWN!
THE MOTHER IDENTIFIED THE BATTERED BODY OF HER ESTRANGED SON! THREE WEEKS LATER, THERE WAS A MEETING AT HENDRICKS' FARM WITH MRS. BENTLEY AND THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE AGENT...
I UNDERSTAND THE FARM IS MINE NOW! YOU KNOW, I NEVER THOUGHT FRED WAS DOING SO WELL! WHY HE HAD $100,000 DOUBLE INDEMNITY POLICY!
WELL, YOU HADN'T SEEN FRED IN FIVE YEARS! THE FARM IS YOURS, MRS. BENTLEY! BUT I'M AFRAID THAT $200,000 INSURANCE MONEY IS LEGALLY MINE!
YES, MR. HENDRICKS, ACCORDING TO THE BILL OF SALE, THE MONEY IS YOURS! WE'VE INVESTIGATED THE POLICY AND THE SALES AGREEMENT--ALL STRICTLY LEGAL! AND HERE'S THE CHECK THAT WILL MAKE YOU A VERY RICH MAN--$200,000 PAYABLE TO..
THE BELL! EXCUSE ME!
RING!
SMILING CONFIDENTLY, AND CASUALLY LEAVING THE PAY-OFF CHECK LYING ON THE TABLE, THE MURDERER OPENED THE DOOR!
THE B. AND O. CONDUCTOR!
RIGHT! CAME OUT PERSONALLY TO GIVE YOU YOUR TICKET REFUND--I LIVE NEARBY! THE REFUND IS FOR THE UNUSED PART OF YOUR TICKET--FROM CONNORSVILLE TO GLENWOOD! BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN ON RIGHT WHERE THAT ACCIDENT OCCURRED!
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHY YOU BLUBBERING IDIOT!
HOLD ON HENDRICKS! I'M WISE TO YOUR GAME NOW! LET GO OF THAT MAN--ONE MURDER IS ENOUGH!
SHUCKS, WHAT'S HE GETTING SO HOT AND BOTHERED ABOUT? WHY I CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO BRING HIM SOME MONEY--$2.83!
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THE PERFECT PLAN

"YES, my mind is made up. I'll kill him!"

The sound of his own words startled George Bart as he sat in his bedroom on the second floor of his uncle's huge country mansion, planning the murder of his wealthy relative. He looked around the bedroom suspiciously, then settled back in his chair and his mind went back to murder.

Jonathan Elkins was ill with a nasty summer cold, and tonight, when all the servants were in bed, Bart planned to sneak into the old man's room and carry out his plans. He had it all figured out perfectly. Sure there would be clues—but they would make it look like the work of an outside marauder.

It was nearly eleven o'clock now—a humid, breathless night of mid-summer. Bart's thoughts reviewed everything. His rich, retired uncle never married and as far as Bart knew he was the only heir to this big country estate. It was a quiet place, about two miles from town, secluded within its own rolling acreage. It had its own tennis courts, riding stables and a luxurious, kidney-shaped swimming pool. It would be a nice inheritance in itself but there was much more. Bart began adding up the possible amount in cash, in bonds and in stocks, then gave up when the figure grew so large it made him smile and look impatiently at the clock.

With a rich uncle Bart should have been sitting pretty, but he wasn't. His uncle didn't like the way he lived, depending only on the allowance he gave him every week. Bart's friends didn't agree with Jonathan either. He particularly disliked Vivian Knight, who had been foolish enough to try to tap the old man for some money. That had brought on the big quarrel. "Get a job! Work for your living! Make something of yourself!" That was the way the old man exploded, and he meant every word of it. No more soft touches from Uncle Jonathan.

Bart had hoped that this bout with the flu might finish off the old man. But it hadn't and the more Bart pondered the possibility of being cut off from his inheritance, the more determined he had become to make sure that his source of income would never come from mere work. Tonight would fix all that. He walked to walnut cabinet and pulled open a drawer. He reached in and pulled out a knife. "Yes, tonight will fix all that!"

Eleven-thirty—the time seemed to be dragging with leaden minutes. In the breezeless, oppressive heat Bart found himself bathed in sweat. His heart pounded like a thousand drums. Suddenly there was a knock on his door and he dropped the blade back into the drawer and pushed it shut. He tried to speak but his words dried out in his throat.

The door opened slowly and the searching eyes of the intruder found Bart. It was Jennings, the butler.

"What are you doing snooping around at this time of the night?" Bart's words were bitter and jumpy.

"Your drink, sir," Jennings explained. "You always have one before you retire, sir. Will you have it here or in the library?"

"You're in a hurry to get to bed and this is your last chore of the evening. That's it, isn't it? You servants are all alike."

Jennings gave him a look of distaste. "Well, sir, I thought—"

"Never mind what you thought. Bring the drink here." Bart knew what the servants thought of him. Only this afternoon he had heard Jennings and the gardener discussing him in terms far from flattering. When I get to be master of this place, Bart thought, I'll get rid of the whole lot of them.

Silently the butler placed the tray on the end table next to the huge easy chair. "Will there be anything else, sir?"

"There's plenty more," Bart roared. "Things will be different around here when . . ." He faltered, suddenly realizing that he almost blurted out his secret. ". . . when I've had a talk with my uncle," he covered up. "You tell Anna that I want the whole downstairs dusted carefully *every* morning, not once a week. And that swimming pool is a

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disgrace. Tell Johnson I wanted it drained, cleaned and scoured.

"They shall be notified, sir," Jennings tried hard not to show his anger. "Will there be anything else?"

Bart continued talking as if he never heard Jennings. "When I took out my yellow roadster this afternoon it was covered with dust. Tell Frank it better sparkle tomorrow or I'll have a new chauffeur quicker than he can honk a horn."

And tomorrow George Bart would really be master of the estate if his plan was a success. He'd have all the servants jumping. Even now Jennings was troubled. "I'll tell them at once," he said. "Would you like a sandwich with your drink, sir?"

"The usual," Bart snapped.

Jennings brought the food and then quietly departed. Slowly Bart ate the sandwich and sipped his drink. Midnight chimes sounded throughout the house. Bart listened, each beat of the chimes was a blister upon his heart. He decided to wait until one o'clock.

That hour was a year of years for Bart, but it finally struck . . . one lone chime. The big house was silent now. Bart rose from his chair and quickly walked over to the walnut cabinet again and withdrew the knife once more. He placed it on the table beside his empty glass and then began to undress. His scheme was clever, he thought. The old man's room was close to his, it would be simple to sneak inside. And when the murder would be discovered, Bart wouldn't even be in the house. He put a bathrobe over his bathing trunks then picked up the knife and slipped it behind the elastic top of his swimming shorts.

The second floor hall was dim and silent. No one saw Bart as he slipped into Elkins' bedroom, nor heard the faint little gasp as the silver blade went into the sleeping old man's chest. Bart staggered back, panting, staring at the quiet body in bed. He felt the knife in his hand and it snapped him back into reality. Quickly he wiped off any possible fingerprints from the handle then placed it gently on the floor. He backed away toward one of the bedroom windows, turned and opened it. He looked down toward the ground. It was about twenty feet from the second floor where he stood.

Quietly he sneaked down the stairs and out one of the side doors. With quick steps he

crossed the garden and went into the garage. He removed one of the long ladders and carried it to the side of the house. Then he propped it up so that it was just below the old man's bedroom window . . . the one he had just opened.

That was about all there was to it. He felt a surge of victory as he made his way down the small path under the trees which led to the swimming pool. On a hot, stuffy night like this it was quite reasonable that he would have awakened and came down to the pool for a cooling dip. Then he'd tell them he heard a scream, and perhaps even a shadowy figure or two scurrying through the shadows of the night away from the house. He'd be wet from his swim; the whole thing would look so natural when he'd dash up to the house screaming the alarm. The servants would awaken and be witnesses that Mr. Bart was still dripping from his swim and wasn't inside the house when the dastardly deed was committed.

The humid night was much darker now. Heavy laden clouds invaded the sky, obscuring the stars and the moon. The swimming pool was set low, with big trees all around it. The whole place down there was solid black.

It would all be so easy, so plausible. Bart was pondering it, thinking of everything he would say and exactly how he would say it as he threaded his way in the inky blackness toward the pool. He was an expert swimmer and diver. He had talked his uncle into erecting a special twenty-five foot diving tower at the deep end just for himself. Whenever there were guests, Bart would always show them his skill from the high board.

He mounted it now, swiftly, because even in the complete darkness he knew every familiar step. It flashed to him how the girls always admired him in his swan-dive, head cocked back, arms widely outstretched.

Thoughts are instant things. In that graceful second or two as Bart plummeted head first into the pool, he vaguely saw it rush up at him. He saw it with a flash of horror because Johnson had followed his orders and opened the tap, draining the pool so that he could start cleaning it early in the morning. That was George Bart's last horrified realization and he screamed in protest . . . but it was too late.

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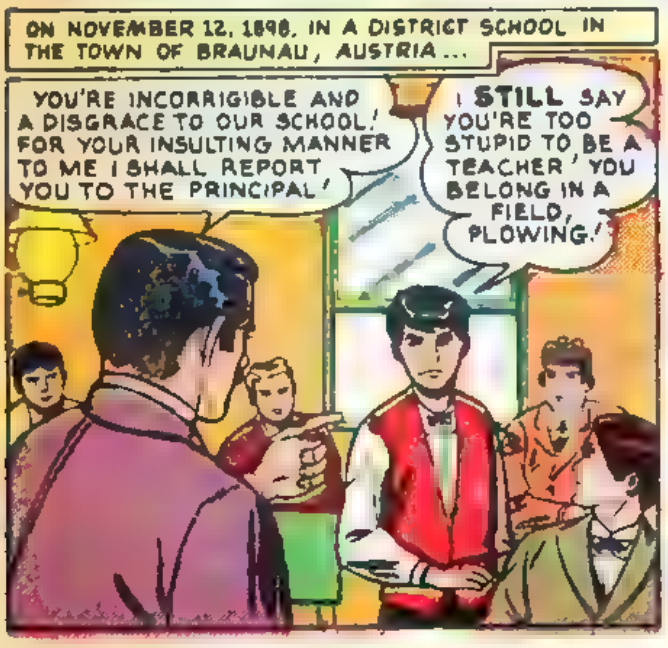
AH! HOW IT BURNS! SOMEDAY I'LL START A REAL B.G FIRE LIKE NERO DID!
HERMANN HE!
DONNERWETTER, ONLY A FEW MARKS! WHAT A CHEAP LOUT I PICKED ON!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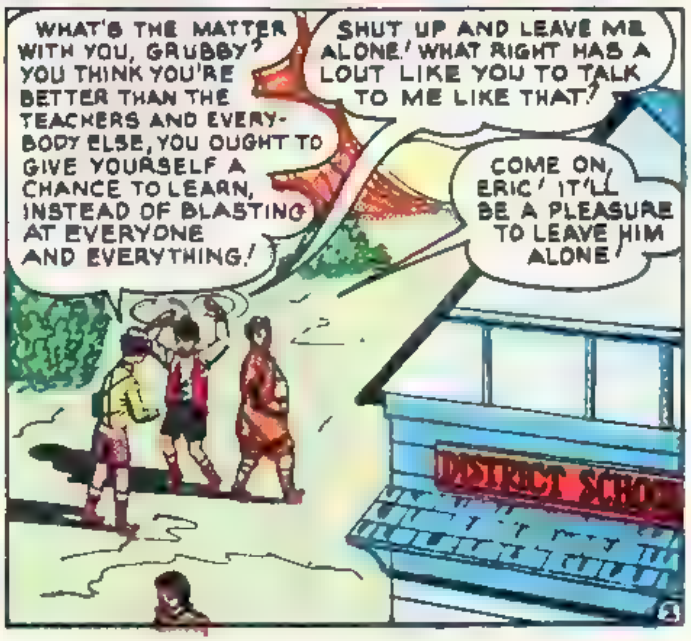
YOU'RE INCORRIGIBLE AND A DISGRACE TO OUR SCHOOL! FOR YOUR INSULTING MANNER TO ME I SHALL REPORT YOU TO THE PRINCIPAL!
I STILL SAY YOU'RE TOO STUPID TO BE A TEACHER! YOU BELONG IN A FIELD, PLOWING!


WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, GRUBBY? YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER THAN THE TEACHERS AND EVERYBODY ELSE, YOU OUGHT TO GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO LEARN, INSTEAD OF BLASTING AT EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING!
SHUT UP AND LEAVE ME ALONE! WHAT RIGHT HAS A LOUT LIKE YOU TO TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!
COME ON, ERIC! IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO LEAVE HIM ALONE!
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ERIC MINTZ··· CARL HOFFERDOFF! TWO MORE NAMES TO ADD TO MY LIST OF ENEMIES I MUST GET EVEN WITH ONE DAY! I'LL MAKE THEM REMEMBER MY NAME ··· TO THEIR SORROW! BUT RIGHT NOW, I'VE ANOTHER JOB TO DO! HERR PROFESSOR MUST BE TAUGHT A LESSON FOR MAKING A LAUGHING STOCK OF ME BEFORE THE WHOLE CLASS!
THIS SURLY BOY WHO HATED THE WORLD AND THOUGHT THE WORLD HATED HIM STOLE BACK TO THE SCHOOL ON A MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH HIS OWN PECULIAR BRAND OF REVENGE!
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FROM A HIDING PLACE HE WATCHED THE RESULT OF HIS HANDYWORK, HIS EYES LIGHTING IN THE GLOW OF THE FIRE!
AH! HOW IT BURNS! SOMEDAY I'LL START A REAL BIG FIRE··LIKE NERO DID!
BUT THE PLAN DIDN'T GO AS WELL AS HE EXPECTED! PROF. DAUBER WASN'T BLAMED FOR THE FIRE! INSTEAD...
IS THAT THE BOY MADAM?
THAT'S HIM! I SAW HIM SNEAKING AROUND THE SCHOOL JUST BEFORE THE FIRE!
IT'S A LIE! I DIDN'T DO IT! YOU ALL HATE ME! WHY PICK ON ME?
GRUBBY'S FATHER PLEADED WITH THE AUTHORITIES TO GIVE THE BOY ANOTHER CHANCE···
VERY WELL! BUT THE LAD HAS A BAD RECORD IN SCHOOL! SEE TO IT THAT HE MENDS HIS WAYS, OR ONE DAY HE'LL GET INTO MORE SERIOUS TROUBLE!
THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR! HE'LL BE ALRIGHT YOU'LL SEE!
YOU HEARD THE JUDGE, MY BOY! YOU'VE GOT TO STRAIGHTEN YOURSELF OUT! AFTER ALL, YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE SACRIFICED A GREAT DEAL FOR YOUR SAKE AND WE
OH SHUT UP! YOU MAKE ME SICK WITH YOUR PREACHING!
YOU TALK TO ME THAT WAY? YOU TALK TO YOUR FATHER..
PAH! WHAT ARE YOU BUT A CHEAP FAILURE? HOW DARE YOU TELL ME WHAT TO DO OR HOW TO LIVE? I'M WORTH TEN OF YOU!
THE WEARY FATHER GAVE UP ON HIS SON! BUT GRUBBY HAD IDEAS OF HIS OWN! THAT NIGHT HE BROKE INTO THE DRAWER THAT HELD HIS MOTHER'S HOUSEHOLD MONEY!
THESE WEAKLINGS CAN'T BE MY PARENTS! I MUST BE THE SON OF SOME NOBLEMAN, LEFT ON THEIR DOORSTEP AS AN INFANT! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE··
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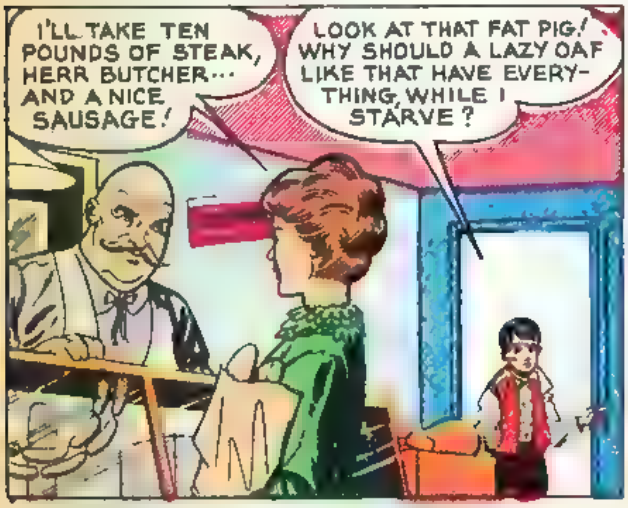
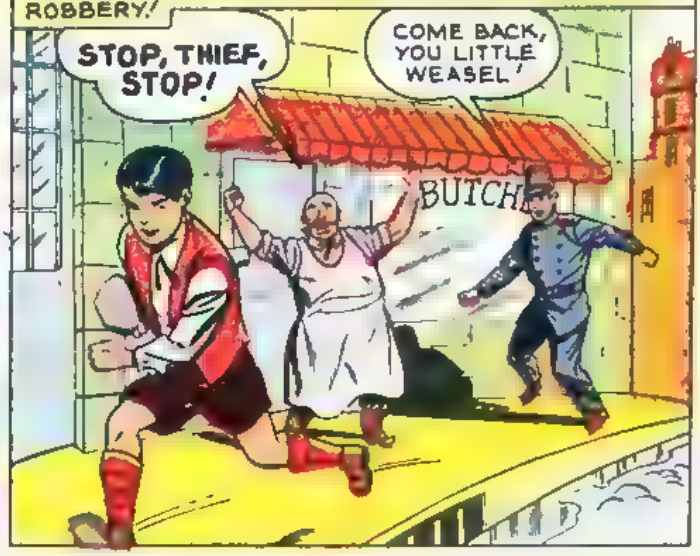
FREED AT LAST OF WHAT HE CONSIDERED THE TYRANNY OF HOME AND SCHOOL, GRUBBY WANDERED THE STREETS OF THE CITY AS A CHEAP SNEAK THIEF…


I'LL TAKE TEN POUNDS OF STEAK, HERR BUTCHER… AND A NICE SAUSAGE!
LOOK AT THAT FAT PIG! WHY SHOULD A LAZY OAF LIKE THAT HAVE EVERY-THING, WHILE I STARVE?

LIAR, FIREBUG, DELINQUENT, GRUBBY ADDED STILL ANOTHER CRIME TO HIS EVER-GROWING LIST… ROBBERY!



HE ESCAPED! NOW THE POLICE WERE ALSO HIS ENEMIES! HE VOWED TO GET REVENGE ON THEM TOO, ONE DAY! DESPERATE, DRIVEN MAD BY HUNGER AND COLD, HE WAS LITTLE MORE THAN AN ALLEY-RAT! ONE NIGHT HE ROBBED THE BODY OF AN OLD BEGGAR WHO HAD DIED FROM THE COLD!

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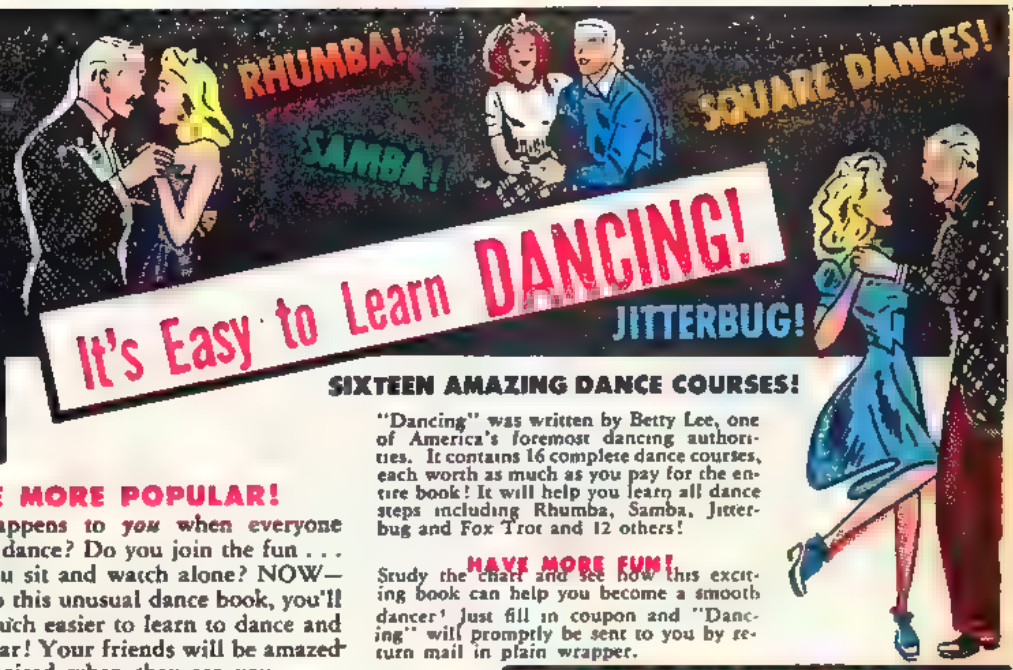

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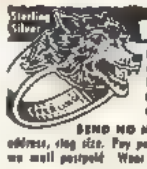

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SO I'LL GO HOME! MY PARENTS ARE FOOLS! THEY'LL BELIEVE ME IF I TELL THEM I'M SORRY! MY FATHER MAY BE NOTHING BUT A WEAKLING BUT AT LEAST HE'LL FEED, CLOTHE AND HOUSE ME! I'LL WAIT... ONE DAY MY CHANCE WILL COME TO SHOW THEM ALL WHAT A GREAT PERSON I AM!
MAMA, PAPA I'M HOME!
OH, MY POOR BOY! LOOK AT YOU! YOU'RE DIRTY AND COME IN! COME IN!
I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING! I LOST MY TEMPER!
YAH! THAT TEMPER OF YOURS! ONE DAY, THOSE AROUND YOU WILL SUFFER MUCH GRIEF BECAUSE OF IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH! AT LEAST HE'S HOME! GO WASH UP AND YOU WILL EAT!
I HOPE THIS IS AN END TO YOUR FOOLISHNESS! IF YOU SETTLE DOWN AND FORGET YOUR CRAZY IDEAS OF TRYING TO DOMINATE EVERYONE, YOU WILL BE ALRIGHT! OTHERWISE, YOU WILL GROW UP TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A CRIMINAL!
YES, POPPA!
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THIS BOY WHO LIED AND CHEATED AND STOLE··· THIS JUVENILE DELINQUENT WHO WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH THE WORLD GREW UP TO REALIZE HIS EVIL AMBITIONS! HE BECAME THE WORLD'S WORST MURDERER, TRAITOR! YOU NAME THE CRIME, HE DID IT! THIS BOY OF OUR STORY BECAME ··
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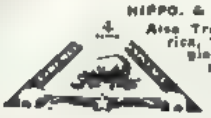

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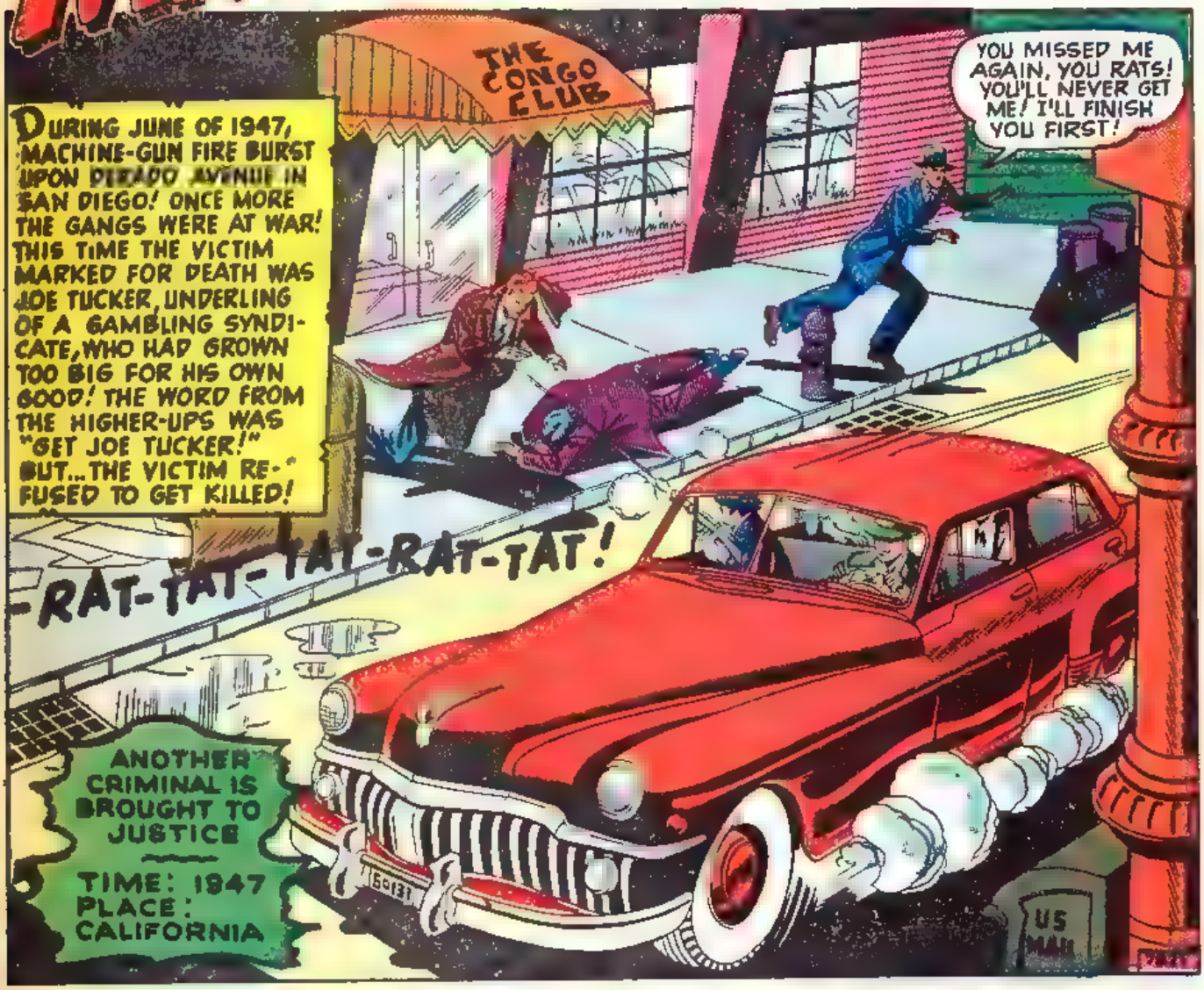
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YOU MISSED ME AGAIN, YOU RATS! YOU'LL NEVER GET ME! I'LL FINISH YOU FIRST!
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ANOTHER CRIMINAL IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE
TIME: 1947
PLACE: CALIFORNIA
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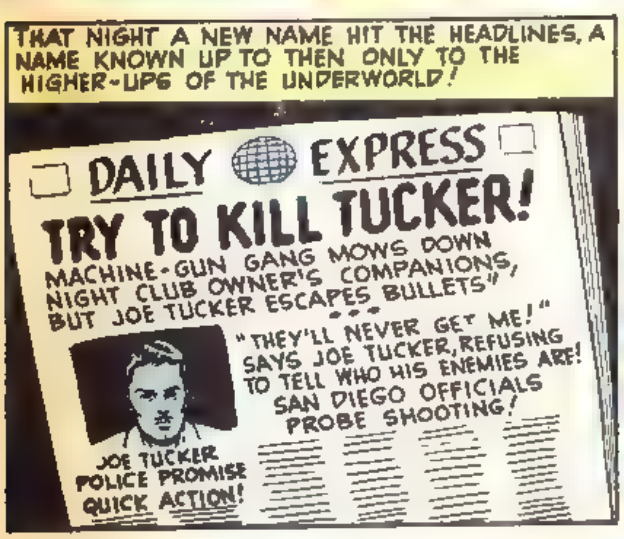
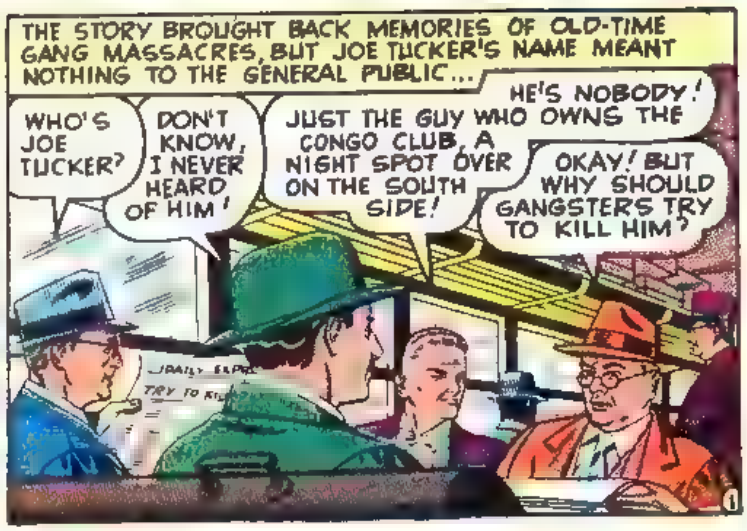

THAT NIGHT A NEW NAME HIT THE HEADLINES, A NAME KNOWN UP TO THEN ONLY TO THE HIGHER-UPS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
DAILY EXPRESS
TRY TO KILL TUCKER!
MACHINE-GUN GANG MOWS DOWN NIGHT CLUB OWNER'S COMPANIONS, BUT JOE TUCKER ESCAPES BULLETS!
"THEY'LL NEVER GET ME!" SAYS JOE TUCKER, REFUSING TO TELL WHO HIS ENEMIES ARE! SAN DIEGO OFFICIALS PROBE SHOOTING!
JOE TUCKER
POLICE PROMISE QUICK ACTION!


THE STORY BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES OF OLD-TIME GANG MASSACRES, BUT JOE TUCKER'S NAME MEANT NOTHING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC...
WHO'S JOE TUCKER?
DON'T KNOW, I NEVER HEARD OF HIM!
HE'S NOBODY! JUST THE GUY WHO OWNS THE CONGO CLUB, A NIGHT SPOT OVER ON THE SOUTH SIDE!
OKAY! BUT WHY SHOULD GANGSTERS TRY TO KILL HIM?

BUT THE NAME OF JOE TUCKER WAS NOT UNKNOWN TO THE POLICE OF SAN DIEGO! THE DAY AFTER THE KILLINGS, CAPTAIN MILTON OSBORN OF THE HOMICIDE BUREAU CALLED IN HIS MEN...

TUCKER'S GOTTEN TOO BIG FOR HIS BOOTS! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE OTHER BOYS ARE OUT TO GET HIM FOR ATTRACTING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE RACKETS!

YEP! THE HOODS LIKE TO BE AS INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE! TUCKER'S MADE THE MISTAKE OF BEING OUT IN THE OPEN! THAT GUY'S MARKED FOR MURDER!

..AND IN CERTAIN CIRCLES THE MERE MENTION OF THAT NAME WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE SOME PEOPLE EXPLODE! THE MOST HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE WAS BIG BEN ESTERHAZY, HEADMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA GAMBLING SYNDICATE!.

YOU MUFFED IT! HOW COULD YOU YEGGS MISS THAT PIP-SQUEAK? I ORDERED TUCKER KILLED AND YOU MISSED HIM!

I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT, BIG BEN! WE HAD HIM COLD! WE LET HIM HAVE IT HEAD ON AND STILL HE GOT AWAY!

WE'LL GET HIM THE NEXT TIME! HE WON'T BE SO LUCKY!

ALL RIGHT! BUT GET THIS STRAIGHT! JOE TUCKER'S GOTTA DIE! HE WAS OKAY ONCE! HE HAD A NICE TAKE IN THE ROULETTE WHEELS IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE CONGO CLUB! HE PAID OFF OKAY AN' HE KEPT QUIET! BUT HE'S BEGINNING TO THROW HIS WEIGHT AROUND TOO MUCH! HE'S LIVING HIGH AND SHOWING OFF HIS DOUGH! PRETTY SOON THE COPS WILL GET WISE AN' START INVESTIGATING!

THEN THERE'LL BE TROUBLE! ONCE THE COPS START, THEY'LL BUST MY SYNDICATE WIDE OPEN! SO FAR WE'VE MANAGED TO KEEP IT QUIET, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE A NICE SET-UP LIKE OURS RUINED! AND IF TUCKER ISN'T KILLED IT SOON WILL BE! GET TUCKER AND GET HIM QUICK!

RIGHT, BIG BEN!

THE STUPID REASONING OF THE UNDERWORLD CALLED FOR THE SOLVING OF ONE PROBLEM BY CREATING A STILL GREATER ONE! BIG BEN CARED NOTHING AT ALL FOR HUMAN LIFE... HIS RACKET HAD TO BE SAVED AND HIS MEN STARTED OUT AFTER TUCKER ONCE MORE!

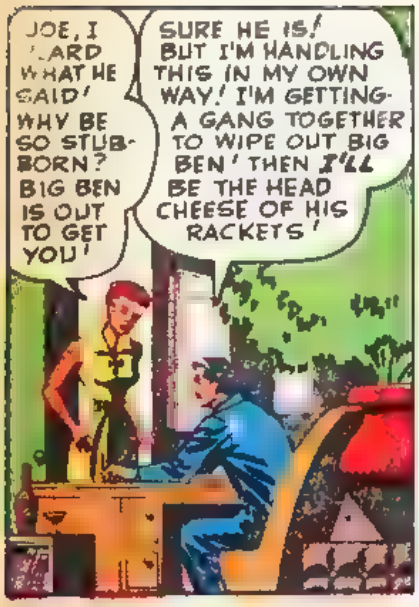
LISTEN, TUCKER, LET'S FACE IT, YOU'RE MIXED UP IN A RACKET! YOU KNOW IT AND I KNOW IT! SOMEBODY'S OUT TO GET YOU! THEY'VE ALREADY KILLED TWO FRIENDS OF YOURS IN TRYING TO GET YOU! WHO IS IT, TUCKER? TELL US! AT LEAST YOU WON'T END UP IN A MORGUE!

NO DEAL, CAPTAIN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

YOU MUGS ARE ALL ALIKE, TRYING TO STICK TO YOUR ROTTEN CODE! YOU'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE TO LIVE, IF YOU PLAY BALL WITH THE POLICE! OTHERWISE WE WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY!

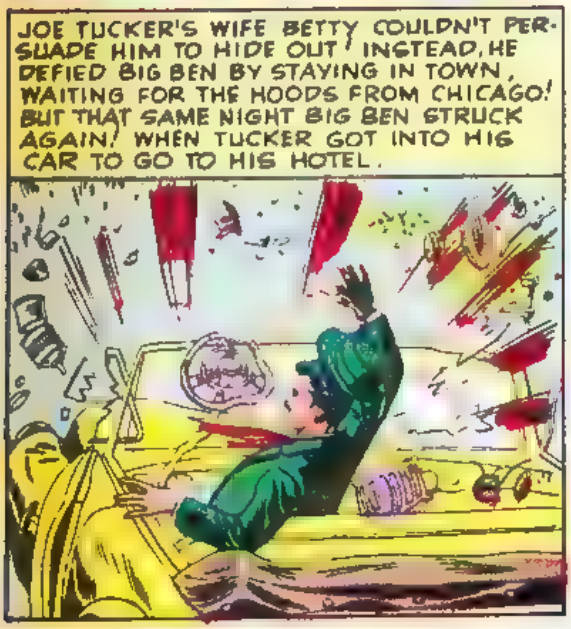
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! THOSE BOYS WEREN'T AFTER ME AT ALL! WHY SHOULD THEY BE? NOW, CAPTAIN, IF YOU'RE ALL THROUGH, I'VE GOT TO OPEN MY CLUB FOR BUSINESS!

EXIT

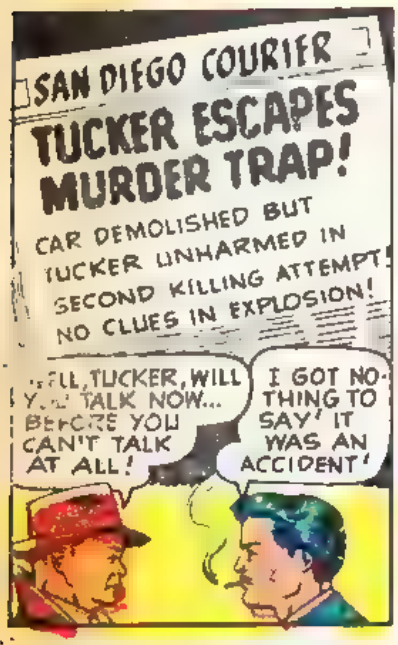

JOE, I HEARD WHAT HE SAID! WHY BE SO STUBBORN? BIG BEN IS OUT TO GET YOU!
SURE HE IS! BUT I'M HANDLING THIS IN MY OWN WAY! I'M GETTING A GANG TOGETHER TO WIPE OUT BIG BEN! THEN I'LL BE THE HEAD CHEESE OF HIS RACKETS!

YOU'RE CRAZY, JOE! YOU'RE JUST SMALL TIME! WHY NOT STICK TO WHAT YOU KNOW?
SMALL-TIME, AM I? I'LL SHOW YOU AND BIG BEN HOW SMALL-TIME I AM! JUST GIVE ME A COUPLE OF DAYS TO GET SOME TRIGGER MEN HERE FROM CHICAGO! THAT'S ALL!

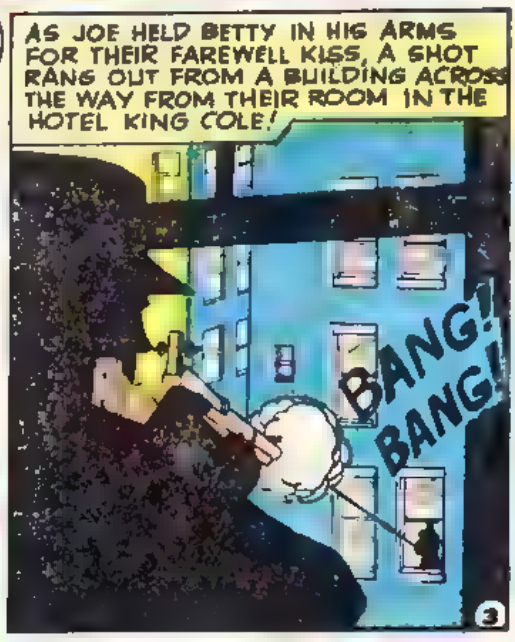
BUT HONEY, YOU COULD HIDE OUT IN YOUR PLACE IN ALTO TERRA TILL THIS BLOWS OVER! YOU'D BE SAFE THERE! YOUR BROTHER MORY'S GOT A BUNCH OF KILLER HOUNDS GUARDING THE PLACE! THEY'D TEAR ANYBODY APART THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW! THEY'D PROTECT YOU!
YEAH, MORY WROTE ME ABOUT THEM... BUT THAT'S OUT!

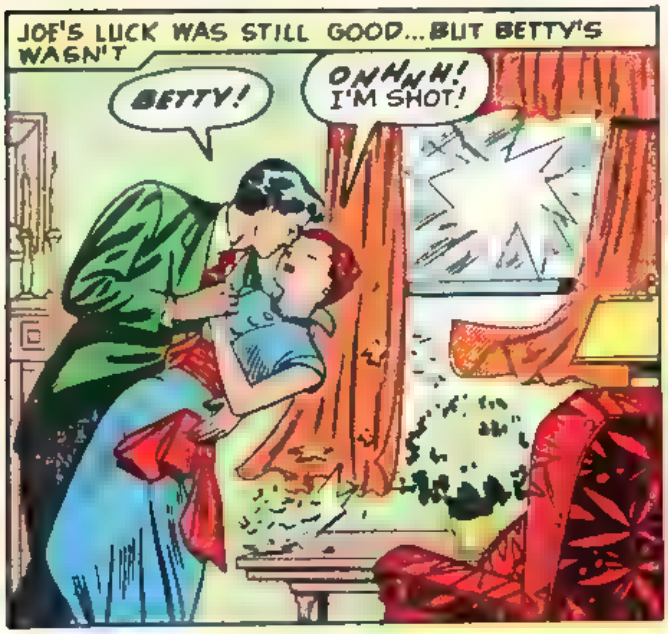

JOE TUCKER'S WIFE BETTY COULDN'T PERSUADE HIM TO HIDE OUT! INSTEAD, HE DEFIED BIG BEN BY STAYING IN TOWN, WAITING FOR THE HOODS FROM CHICAGO! BUT THAT SAME NIGHT BIG BEN STRUCK AGAIN! WHEN TUCKER GOT INTO HIS CAR TO GO TO HIS HOTEL.

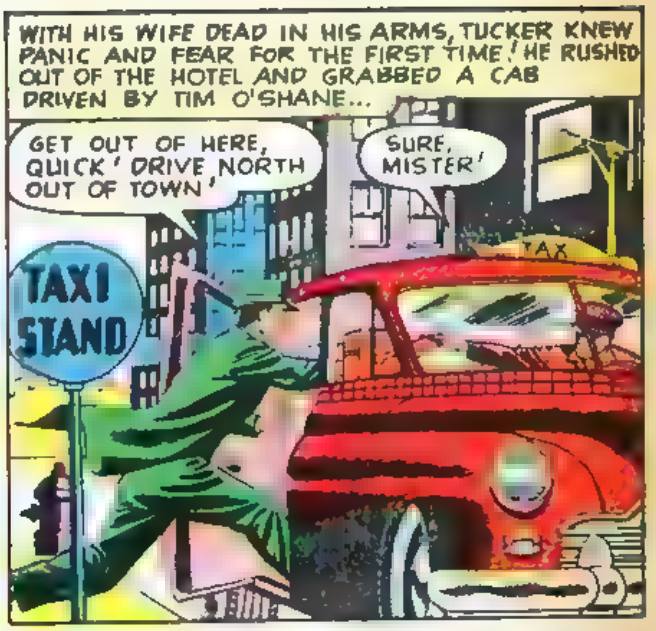
HOLY SMOKE, MISTER, WHAT HAPPENED? HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF THAT MESS ALIVE?
JUST AN ACCIDENT! I'M ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S JOE TUCKER! THEY TRIED TO GET HIM AGAIN!


SAN DIEGO COURIER
TUCKER ESCAPES MURDER TRAP!
CAR DEMOLISHED BUT TUCKER UNHARMED IN SECOND KILLING ATTEMPT!
NO CLUES IN EXPLOSION!
WELL, TUCKER, WILL YOU TALK NOW... BEFORE YOU CAN'T TALK AT ALL!
I GOT NOTHING TO SAY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

JOE, I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS! YOU MAY NOT BE SCARED, BUT I AM... I'M GOING AWAY UNTIL THOSE HOODS SLOW UP!
SURE, BABY, GO AHEAD! I'LL BE OKAY! GIVE US A KISS BEFORE YOU GO, HUH?


AS JOE HELD BETTY IN HIS ARMS FOR THEIR FAREWELL KISS, A SHOT RANG OUT FROM A BUILDING ACROSS THE WAY FROM THEIR ROOM IN THE HOTEL KING COLE!
BANG! BANG!

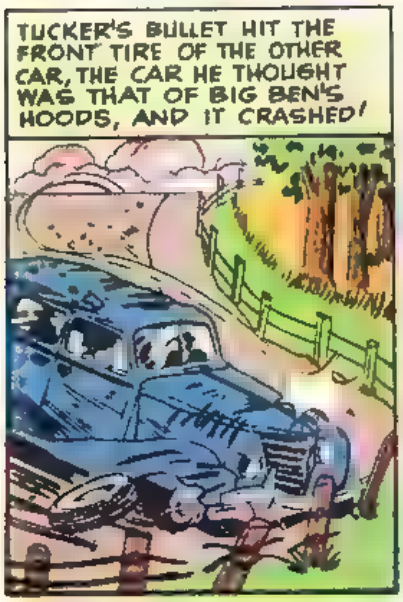

JOE'S LUCK WAS STILL GOOD...BUT BETTY'S WASN'T
BETTY!
OHHHH! I'M SHOT!


WITH HIS WIFE DEAD IN HIS ARMS, TUCKER KNEW PANIC AND FEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME! HE RUSHED OUT OF THE HOTEL AND GRABBED A CAB DRIVEN BY TIM O'SHANE...
GET OUT OF HERE, QUICK! DRIVE NORTH OUT OF TOWN!
SURE, MISTER!
TAXI STAND
TAX

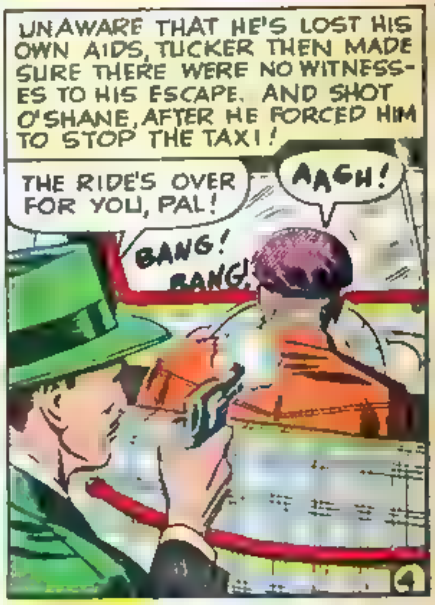
AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAN DIEGO ..
SAY, MISTER, THERE'S A CAR BEEN FOLLOWING US EVER SINCE WE LEFT THE HOTEL!
WHAT?

LISTEN, YOU KEEP GOING... FAST... AND NO QUESTIONS!
A GUN! HEY WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ANY TROUBLE!

TROUBLE? BROTHER, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TROUBLE IS! FIRST I'LL TAKE CARE OF BIG BEN'S BOYS.
BANG! BANG!


TUCKER'S BULLET HIT THE FRONT TIRE OF THE OTHER CAR, THE CAR HE THOUGHT WAS THAT OF BIG BEN'S HOODS, AND IT CRASHED!

THE DOPE! WHAT'S THE 'MATTER WITH HIM? FIRST HE SENDS FOR US FROM CHICAGO, THEN HE TRIES TO PLUG US! YOU ALL RIGHT, PETE?
YEAH!


UNAWARE THAT HE'S LOST HIS OWN AIDS, TUCKER THEN MADE SURE THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO HIS ESCAPE. AND SHOT O'SHANE, AFTER HE FORCED HIM TO STOP THE TAXI!
THE RIDE'S OVER FOR YOU, PAL!
AAGH!
BANG! BANG!

JOE DUMPED O'SHANE'S BODY INTO A CLUMP OF BUSHES AFTER CHANGING INTO THE DRIVER'S UNIFORM...AND KEPT GOING!

ALTO TERRA! THAT'S WHERE I'LL GO! I'LL BE SAFE THERE! I'LL DIG IN UNTIL THIS BLOWS OVER! MORY'S DOGS ARE TRAINED TO KEEP STRANGERS AWAY FROM THIS PLACE! BIG BEN WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET ME!

TUCKER'S ESTATE IN ALTO TERRA WAS WALLED IN TO PROTECT IT FROM THE EYES OF THE CURIOUS! JOE HADN'T BEEN THERE IN OVER A YEAR AND HIS BROTHER TOOK CARE OF IT FOR HIM! SIX MONTHS BEFORE, MORY TUCKER HAD BOUGHT AND TRAINED SIX SAVAGE DOGS TO TEAR ANY STRANGER APART!

TUCKER DROVE IN A PANIC! HE IMAGINED EVERY CAR BEHIND HIM TO BE BIG BEN'S MEN AFTER HIS LIFE! HE ARRIVED IN ALTO TERRA IN A FIT OF TERROR!

MORY! MORY! LET ME IN! HURRY!

HE PRESSED THE BUTTON AT THE GATE, BUT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE! THE BELL WAS OUT OF ORDER!

THEY MUST BE RIGHT BEHIND ME! IF I DON'T GET IN QUICK, THEY'LL KILL ME SURE THIS TIME! THE WALL! I'LL CLIMB THE WALL!

HE SCALED THE WALL LIKE A FRIGHTENED MONKEY, AND DROPPED TO THE OTHER SIDE, SAFE BEHIND HIS WALLS!

AH! AH! I MADE IT! MARKED FOR MURDER, EH? I'LL SHOW HIM I CAN GET AWAY WITH IT!

EASY, P--PALS... EASY! I L-LIVE HERE.. YOU'RE *MY* DOGS EASY, BOY. DOWN.. *DOWN*... *DOWN*! GET *AWAY NOW*! GET AWAY!

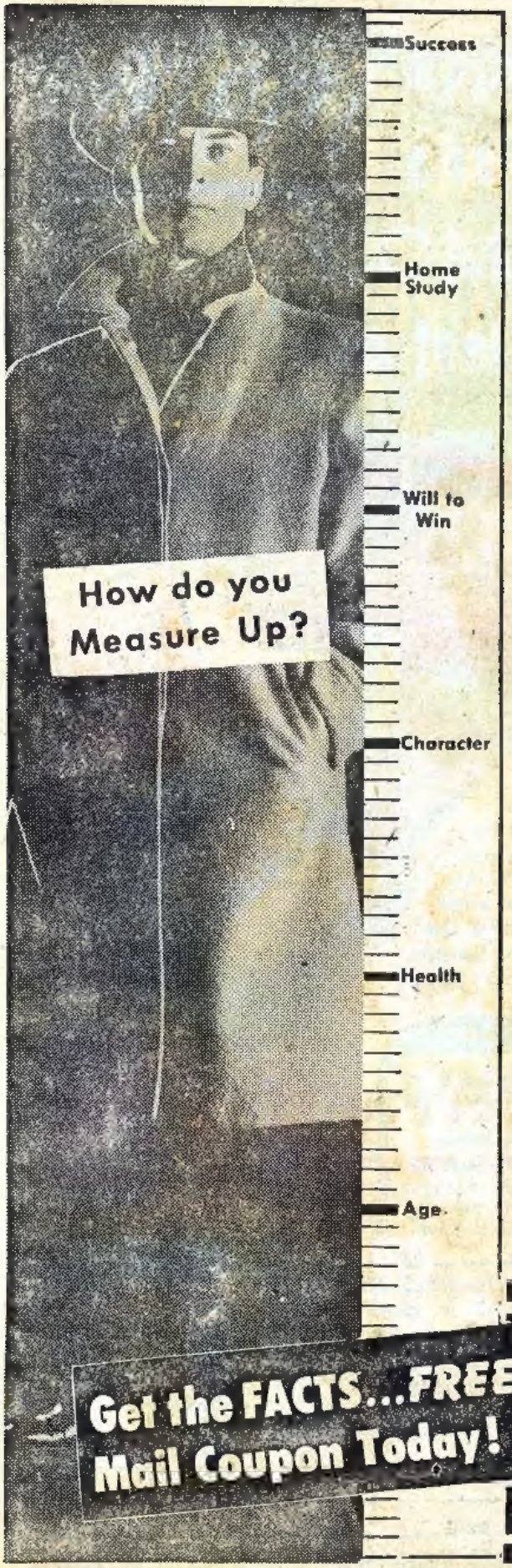
GR-R-R!

GR-R-R-R!

AEEEEEEEH!

JOE TUCKER, ON JUNE 25, 1947 WAS DESTROYED BY HIS OWN DOGS IN A PROTECTIVE TRAP THAT WAS SET TO SAVE HIM! HE OVERLOOKED ONE THING...THE DOGS WERE TRAINED TO KILL STRANGERS, AND TO THE SAVAGE HOUNDS *HE WAS A STRANGER!* BIG BEN ESTERHAZY AND HIS MEN WERE CONVICTED FOR THE MURDER OF BETTY TUCKER, WHEN THE GUNMEN WERE CAUGHT TRYING TO ESCAPE AFTER THE KILLING! THIS FACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MAN WHO WAS MARKED FOR MURDER DID NOT KNOW!

THE END



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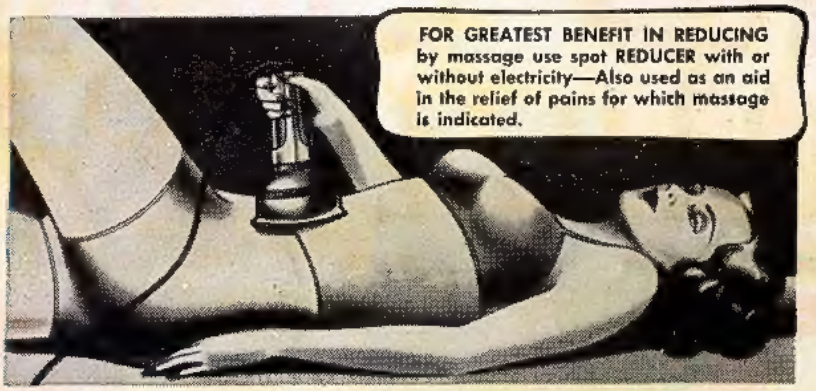

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